Bergen Iron Works Article

by Damon Douglas

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Wednesday, June 22, 1983:

3:00 - 9:00 PM	Krueger Auction Lot Viewing	Salem Room

Thursday, June 23, 1983:

9:00 AM	Krueger Auction Lot Viewing	Salem Room
12 Noon	Bourse Area Open to Dealers	Regency Ballroom
3:00 PM	Bourse Area Open to Public	
5:30 PM	Krueger Auction - First Session	Somerset Room
6:30 PM	Israel Numismatic Society of S. Jersey Dinner	Resorts Room
8:00 PM	INSJ Meeting	Resorts Room

Friday, June 24, 1983:

9:00 AM	Krueger Auction Lot Viewing	Salem Room
9:00 AM	Bourse Area Open to Dealers	Regency Ballroom
9:00 AM	Exhibit Area Open to Exhibitors	
11:00 AM	OFFICIAL CONVENTION OPENING CEREMONIES	
11:00 AM	Bourse and Exhibit Area Open to Public	
12 Noon - 3:00 PM	GSNA Hospitality Room Open	Burlington Room
5:30 PM	Krueger Auction - Second Session	Somerset Room
7:00 PM	Bourse and Exhibit Area Closed	
7:30 PM	Bus Trip to Atlantic City - Claridge Casino	

Saturday, June 25, 1983

9:00 AM	Auction Lot Viewing	Salem Room
9:00 AM	Bourse Area Open to Dealers	Regency Ballroom
10:00 AM	Spouses Shopping Trip to Philadelphia	
10:00 AM	Bourse and Exhibit Area Open to Public	
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Young Numismatists Program	Garden State Room
11:00 AM	GSNA Public Meeting	Burlington Room
11:30 AM	Krueger Auction - Third Session	Somerset Room
12 Noon - 3:00 PM	GSNA Hospitality Room Open	Burlington Room
1:00 PM	EAC (Early American Coppers) Meeting	Ventnor Room
1:30 PM	NJES (New Jersey Exonumia Soc.) Meeting	Margate Room
3:00 PM	GSNA Educational Forum	Garden State Room
7:30 PM	PAK Jefferson Nickel Meeting	Cherry Hill Room
8:00 PM	Bourse and Exhibit Area Closed	

Sunday, June 26, 1983:

9:00 AM	GSNA Awards and Club Representatives Breakfast	Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM	Bourse and Exhibit Area Open to Public	
12 Noon - 3:00 PM	GSNA Hospitality Room Open	Burlington Room
2:00 PM	Exhibits May Be Removed	
4:00 PM	Bourse and Exhibit Area Closed	

Convention Welcome Addresses

CONVENTION WELCOME

By GSNA President, James K. Brandt

It has been said that after having achieved success, one should not rest on tradition but build on tradition. I believe that this is the attitude that continues to make each GSNA convention better than the last. And the 1983 convention should prove to be no exception.

The host club for this year's convention is the Ocean County Coin Club, founded in 1970. Even though the club has a membership of only 135, it has become the most active club in the state. The club members have volunteered to staff the GSNA hospitality room located adjacent to the bourse. The hospitality room will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday to members who wish to relax and enjoy some light refreshments. In addition, audio visual programs will be shown on a regular basis.

The bourse, with a record number of 133 dealers, will open to the public on Thursday at 3:00 PM. The official ribbon-cutting ceremonies will not take place until Friday at 11:00 AM. Thursday evening the Israel Numismatic Society of South Jersey will hold their annual dinner meeting which will feature a guest speaker and the installation of officers for the new year.

Throughout the weekend, Kurt Krueger will be conducting the GSNA auction. Consult the convention schedule on page 3 for the exact times and place of the auction sessions.

Doug Moore, exhibit chairman, is expecting a record turnout of exhibitors - each competing for the Val Pasvolsky "Best in Show" award. While the judges will be choosing the "Best in Show" award, all convention attendees will be able to participate in choosing the People's Choice award by casting a vote for their favorite exhibit.

G.S.N.A.'s annual casino bus trip to Atlantic City is once again on tap for a 7:30 p.m. Friday evening departure from the Hyatt. Special Activities Chairman, Archie Black, has arranged a very attractive "can't-lose" round trip package for you fun seekers.

Additionally, a sight-seeing & shopping trip to Philadelphia is scheduled for Saturday at 10 AM. Those who remain behind will be able to attend the various club meetings taking place throughout the day. Included will be the Early American Copper Collectors, the New Jersey Exonumia Society and the PAK Jefferson Nickel Club collectors. For the young collectors there will be the YN Program which will again be chaired by Larry Gentile, Sr.

Saturday afternoon the Educational Forum will feature Q. David Bowers, ANA Vice-President and Dr. Dexter Seymour. As in the past, a special wooden flat has been prepared and will be given to those in attendance. Over the years these wooden flats have become cherished convention souvenirs, since the only way to obtain one is to attend the forum.

Finally, the weekend of activities will culminate with the Awards' Breakfast on Sunday morning. Exhibitors, club representatives, members and guests will be present for the presentation of awards, including the Val Pasvolsky "Best in Show" award. Last year the breakfast had to be moved to the Exhibit Hall to accommodate the record number of people. I hope we will be able to surpass that figure this year.

As the numismatic market continues to come alive with activity and the collector once again enters the marketplace, I look forward to the biggest and best GSNA convention ever. Don't be left out. Plan now to attend YOUR state convention.

Numismatically,
JAMES K. BRANDT, PRESIDENT

OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB FERTILE GROUND FOR HOBBY LEADERS

BY ARCHIE A. BLACK, PRESIDENT, HOST CLUB

Our first O.C.C.C. President, Chuck Fifield, was one of the earliest proponents for a state association in New Jersey. He, and another one of Ocean's Life Members, William Horton, then President of the Monmouth County Coin Club, spearheaded a committee in 1974 which became the nucleus of a small group of what could be considered the founders of our present state association, GSNA. Fifield, a career navy man, was transferred to Alaska before he could carry out his dream of a viable state association, equal in stature to similar organizations in neighboring states, so that the New Jersey collector could have its own state organization and not have to depend on New York & Philadelphia for its numismatic development and major shows. New Jersey's population could certainly justify the birth of a state organization, tailored to New Jersey's needs and wants...which seemed to be sorely overlooked at the time.

Ocean County Coin Club members among this select committee in addition to Horton were: Charles Morrison, Archie Black, Bob Bassell, John Harris and Charles Berg. Other organizers at this time were John Graves, Ed Reiter, and of course, Ocean County's Valentine Pasvolsky, "NJs #1 Numismatist."

Horton, a Life Member of O.C.C.C., became GSNA's first President, serving two terms (1975-1979). Morrison, then President of O.C.C.C., served as GSNA's 1st Vice President on the original Board along with GSNA 2nd V.P., Bob Bassell, a former O.C.C.C. Treasurer. Archie Black, the now current O.C.C.C. President in his 3rd term, holds LM #01 in the Ocean County Coin Club. He served as GSNA's Corresponding Secretary for the organization's first four years and was elected as GSNA President for a 2 year term (1979-81) and is the only GSNA officer currently on the GSNA Executive Board to serve continuously since its beginning 8 years ago. Another former O.C.C.C. President, Charles Berg III, served as GSNA's Treasurer for several years, until moving to Cincinnati. Jerry Zara, still another former O.C.C.C. President, is GSNA's current Treasurer and is also the current Treasurer of O.C.C.C. Zara will move up to GSNA's 2nd V.P. spot for the 1983-85 term. John H. Harris, another O.C.C.C. Life Member, served GSNA well as the state group's General Show Chairman for six GSNA Cherry Hill conventions and also as Editor of NJNJ for several years, while holding the position of GSNA 2nd V.P. and then 1st Vice-President.

Since then, still another O.C.C.C. Life Member has contributed to the betterment of GSNA. Elmer Curran presently serves as Editor of the New Jersey Numismatic Journal (NJNJ). Curran, who is also the Day Editor of the Asbury Park Press, has won numerous national awards for his numismatic column, "Mostly Coins," which appears in the Sunday edition of the Asbury Park Press.

The 1983-1985 GSNA Board will see even another Ocean County Coin Club Life Member contribute to the success and bright future of GSNA when Dennis Tilghman, O.C.C.C.'s Newsletter Editor, is sworn in at the 1983 convention as GSNA's Corresponding Secretary for the next two years.

Currently, GSNA President James K. Brandt, who also holds membership in O.C.C.C. is winding down his 2 year term and will automatically sit on the GSNA Executive Board for an additional two years as GSNA's Immediate Past President.

Ocean County Coin Club members are proud to have been selected as the host club for the 1983 GSNA 8th annual convention, as we feel good about our support to GSNA in addition to the help, support and contributions of many, many others.

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BERGEN IRON WORKS STORE TOKENS

LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Photos by Wm. S. Dewey

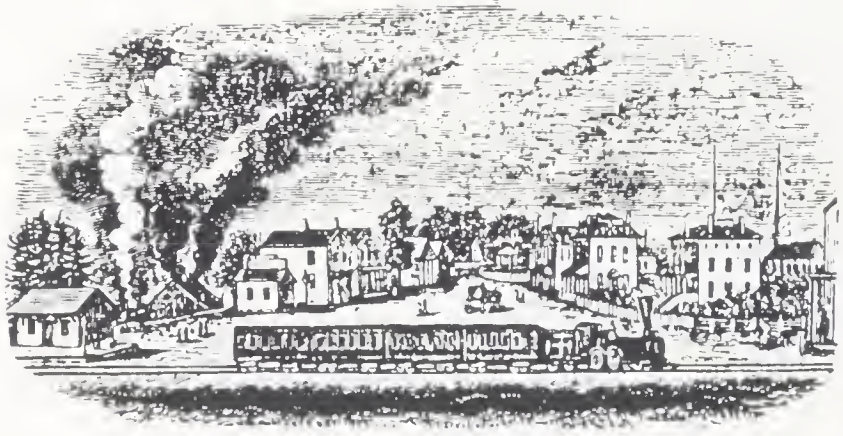
BERGEN MONEY

By DAMON G. DOUGLAS, Caldwell, New Jersey

(Paper read before the Bronx Coin Club, March 23, 1943)

The bog lands of our State of New Jersey have left their numismatic monuments of a century ago in the form of what was then often referred to as "bog money." The employers of the bog workers in the glass works and in the production of iron from the bog ores frequently found an extra profit and a convenience in setting up company stores to supply the needs of their workmen. To make sure that these stores would receive the full patronage of the help and also to eliminate the necessity of tying up real capital for payroll purposes, the practice was widely followed of paying off in privately struck company money, redeemable in goods at the company store. These pieces of private coinage were dubbed variously by their recipients as "bog money," "shinnies" (possibly a combination of shillings and pennies), and in the case of the subject of these remarks, "Bergen money," named for its issuer, the Bergen Iron Works and its store.

In the early 1800's, on the site of the present community of Lakewood, New Jersey, a furnace stack was erected for the reduction of the local bog iron and dwellings were built to house the working crew. Here cannon balls were cast to supply our forces in the war with Britain in 1812. In 1831, a Mr. J.W. Brick purchased the property and expanded the works for the manufacture of water pipe. The process required upwards of 400,000 bushels of charcoal annually, which was obtained from the surrounding timber lands. However by 1857 both the ore beds and the convenient charcoal timber were nearing exhaustion. Also it was found that iron ores discovered further north in the state could be more economically worked. At this time the furnace operation was discontinued but the manufacturing processes were expanded, shipping in the necessary pig iron. The accompanying wood cut illustration was printed in 1868. It shows part of the buildings of the Bergen Iron Works as they appeared at that time as the central point of the village of Bricksburg, in the township of Brick, both named for the original proprietor. The development of the iron industry close to the coal fields in Pennsylvania contributed to the ultimate closing of the works at Bricksburg. The region's real climatic



CENTRAL PART OF BRICKSBURG, NEW JERSEY
(FROM AN OLD WOODCUT)

advantages began to attract visitors and, feeling that a more euphonius name might accelerate the growing resort business, the village fathers adopted for their community its present name of Lakewood.

The "Bergen money" that survives was struck from one reverse and two similar obverse dies, and in copper and brass, making four varieties, numbered by Lyman H. Low, Nos. 142, 143, 144 and 180. On the obverse appears a standing eagle with wings spread, over which is BERGEN IRON WORKS, and below STORE; the reverse bears conventionalized clasped hands, radiate, with BONAE FIDEI SIGNUM over, and 1840 below.

In 1920 when the late Mr. Edgar H. Adams published his able listing of United States Store Cards, he attributed these to the town of Belleville, Newark's neighbor to the north, giving three varieties as N.J. Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Later, Mr. Wayte Raymond, in his "Standard Catalogue of Unites States Coins and Tokens," followed Mr. Adams' lead and still leaves them assigned to Belleville. The true story is quite convincing as built up in the following references: "Historical Collections of New Jersey," J.W. Barber, New Haven 1868. "More Forgotten Towns," Henry C. Beck, E.P. Dutton & Co. Proceedings N.J. Historical Society, January 1896. As a "BONAE FIDEI SIGNUM," Mr. Raymond in his forthcoming revision will, I hope, see fit to restore the "Bergen Money" to the place of its original issue and use Bricksburg; or, as it is called today, Lakewood.

How The Name Came

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following biographical sketch is taken from "Brick Township Changing Scene," published by The Brick Township Historical Society.

Joseph W. Brick was the industrious and successful owner of the Bergen Iron Works from 1833 to his death in 1847. The Bergen Iron Works was located in modern day Lakewood.

This furnace built in 1814, abandoned about 1830, rebuilt about 1833, and continued in operation until 1854.

A former hired hand of Jesse Richards, the famed master of the Batsto iron plantation in southern New Jersey. Brick rose quickly to clerk of the whole Batsto works in 1826, after managing the company store.

When Brick purchased Washington Furnace, formerly Three Partners Mill in 1833, he restored the furnace and changed its name to the Bergen Iron Works. The surrounding village was named Bricksburg, after himself.

According to Boyer, "these works were located just below the present south branch of the Metedeconk River, about where the old road from Toms River to Squankum crossed the stream."

A plank road, Cedar Bridge Road, was built to the Gravelly Docks, near Butcher's Forge, near Forge Pond, on the Metedeconk River. Schooners sailed regularly to New York City from this landing.

By 1844, the population of Bricksburg had grown to over two hundred and a post office opened in 1844. The ironworks had its own currency, which was accepted not only at the company store, but by most shopkeepers in the surrounding communities.

Generally, company employees lived in company owned homes and bought their needed groceries and supplies in company-owned stores. The prices in these stores were generally higher than in other stores, but the distance to the other stores kept the employee shopping in the "company store."

When an employee drew his pay, it was in tokens. He had to pay his rent with tokens and do his shopping with tokens, in the "company store."

If he needed more than his pay would buy, he could draw tokens on his next pay check, which many of the companies encouraged. Some got deeply in debt to the company, and so the old saying, "I owe my soul to the company store."

Brick's five children were named Caroline, Sarah, Riley, Josephine and George. Lake Carasaljo in Lakewood gets its name from the three female children, Caroline, Sarah and Josephine. The smaller lake upstream was named for Brick's wife, Manetta.

Three years after Joseph Brick's death, the state legislature designated a township named Brick in the same act that created Ocean County. The township included the modern townships and boroughs of Brick, Lakewood, Point Pleasant Beach, Point Pleasant, Mantoloking and Bay Head.

After that, the site was occupied by a gristmill and then by a silk mill. It was later part of a resort development, the building being used as a community house. Subsequently, the site was occupied by the Lakewood water works. While functioning as an iron works, the plant turned out water pipe and castings.

Photo by Dennis Tilghman

"VAL PASVOLSKY"

— Best In Show —

Lewis M. Reagan Award

This beautiful 36" hand painted ceramic Indian will be awarded to the "Best In Show" exhibitor at the Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning.

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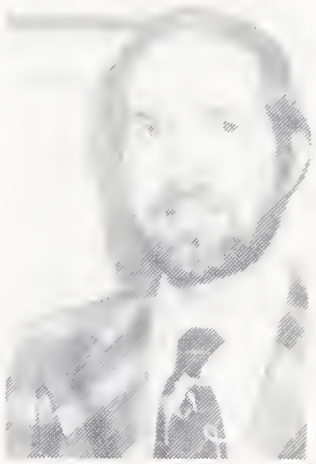

Q. DAVID BOWERS
A.N.A. Vice President

TOPIC: "Adventures" of a Rare Coin Dealer"

Q. David Bowers began his collecting interest in 1953 while a high school student in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania. In 1955 at the age of 16, he became the youngest person ever to have a bourse table at the American Numismatic Association's annual convention, held that year in Omaha. By that time his coin firm had become established and was gaining a reputation based upon Dave's knowledge and seemingly tireless research and study.

Mr. Bowers was president of Bowers and Ruddy Galleries of Los Angeles, now Bowers & Merena of Wolfboro, New Hampshire, one of the world's largest rare coin firms. He was elected president of the Professional Numismatists Guild, the leading organization of rare coin dealers, for the 1977 - 1979 term, and is a recipient of that organization's coveted Founder's Award. Other memberships include the American Numismatic Association (LM #336), the Royal Numismatic Society, the American Numismatic Society, the Token & Medal Society, the Civil War Token Society, the Society of Paper Money Collectors, and many other groups.

In 1965 his first major book appeared, "Coins and Collectors." The ANA has occupied much of his time and efforts since then. He wrote the introduction to the new official ANA Grading Guide, and has served as an unpaid consultant to the ANA Certification Service. As an instructor at ANA summer seminars he has taught many students about the historical, artistic, and romantic aspects of coinage.

Dave has written nearly a dozen books on coin collecting, many of which have received awards and commendations. His book, "The History of United States Coinage as Illustrated by the Garrett Collection." was the first book ever to win the two major book awards in the numismatic field: the Numismatic Literary Guild's "Book of the Year Award" and the Professional Numismatists Guild's "Robert Friedberg Award."

His weekly column, "Numismatic Depth Study," has appeared in Coin World for many years and has earned several "Best Columnist" awards from the Numismatic Literary Guild. In addition he has written for all other major numismatic publications, including The Numismatist, The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, Numismatic News, Coins Magazine, Coinage, and many specialized journals. His articles and features on coins have also appeared in such diverse publications as the Encyclopedia Americana, Reader's Digest, and Barron's. A 1960 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, the author in 1976 received the Alumni Achievement Award from that institution's College of Business Administration.

DR. DEXTER C. SEYMOUR

TOPIC: "Pioneer Gold"

In 1940 Mr. Seymour received an undergraduate degree in chemistry from Cornell University and this was followed by a Master's in 1942 and the Doctorate in 1944, both in chemistry, from UCLA. After a year of post-doctoral research at UCLA, Mr. Seymour was employed as a research chemist for 10 years at the General Laboratories of United States Rubber Company where he specialized in polymer chemistry in its "salad days." In 1955, he joined John Royle & Sons, a manufacturer of polymer processing machinery for the electrical wire and cable industry, as a Sales Engineer in which position he was able to make practical application of his knowledge of polymers. Eventually, Mr. Seymour was promoted to Regional Sales Manager and then to Technical Director from which position he has just retired. Numismatics and the historical and metrological aspects thereof have been one of his hobbies for about 15 years. Mr. Seymour is a Fellow of the ANS and a member of the New York Numismatic Club and has been a regular member of the ANA since 1969.

OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB WELCOME

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too numerous to mention, which has brought GSNA to where it is today; one hell of a fine organization, dedicated to the advancement of numismatics...especially to GSNA member clubs!!

It is our sincere wish that all visitors to GSNA's 8th annual have a superb convention!!

HAPPY HUNTING,
ARCHIE A. BLACK,
President, O.C.C.C.
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CONVENTION MEDAL

Nancy Black's prize-winning GSNA medal design.

Medal Winner

The 1983 G.S.N.A. Convention Medal Design Contest was won for the second consecutive year by Junior member, Nancy Black, No. J-644.

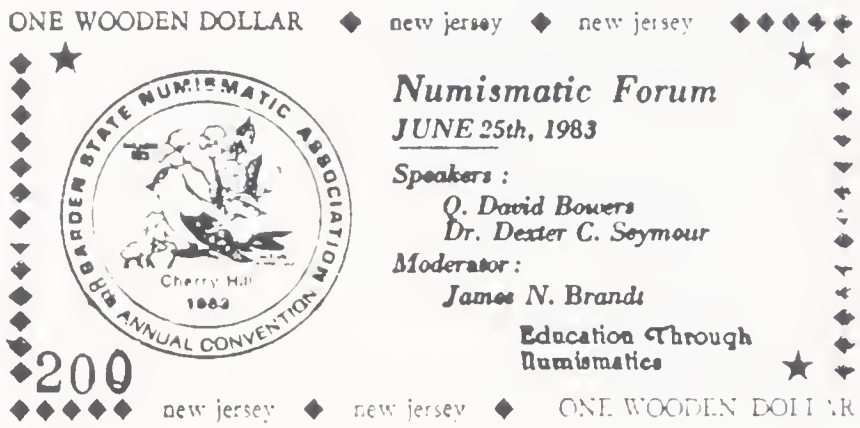
Miss Black, 14 year old daughter of GSNA Past President Archie A. Black, was also the recipient of the 1982 Medal Contest award at last year's G.S.N.A. convention.

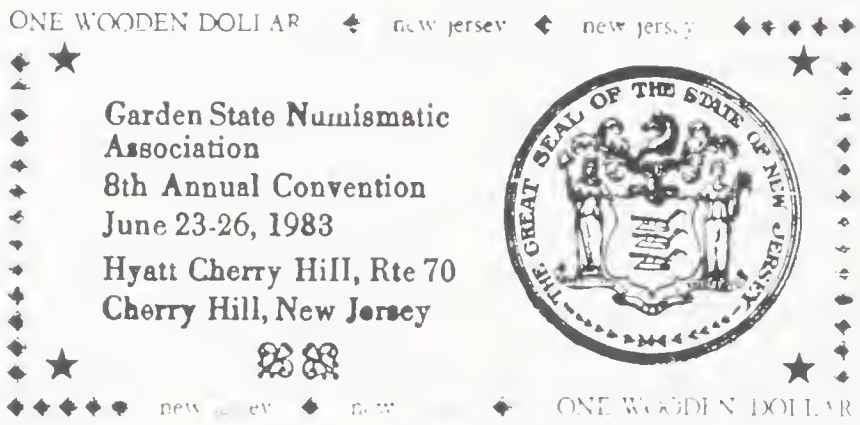
A panel of impartial judges chose the winning entry during the March 12th Bergen Cointy Coin Club show at Paramus, N.J.

The colorful 2-inch cloisonne 1983 medal depicts New Jersey's state flower and state bird, the purple violet and the golden finch.

Both the 1982 & 1983 medals will be offered at the Cherry Hill convention site for $3.50 each. Persons not planning to attend the June 23rd through 26th show at the Cherry Hill Hyatt may order either medal, via the U.S. mail, at $5.00 each, postpaid. Write to: G.S.N.A. Medal P.O. Box 248, Brick, NJ 08723.

1983 SOUVENIR FORUM FLAT





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GSNA Slates Junior Program

The Garden State Numismatic Association will conduct a special young numismatists program on June 25 in conjunction with its eighth annual convention at the Hyatt Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill, N.J.

The program will be under the direction of Lawrence Gentile and is open to collectors from ages eight to 17.

Highlights of the program include adult and junior speakers. Back by popular demand will be Stephen Taylor, ANA governor and convention chairman who will give a talk and slide presentation on modern paper money. William Souders will also give a talk and conduct the play money auction.

Other features include a numismatic quiz, door prizes, and a mini-exhibit contest for transportation tokens. Awards will be given to the best three exhibits.

The program will get underway at 10 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Everyone will be treated to a free lunch.

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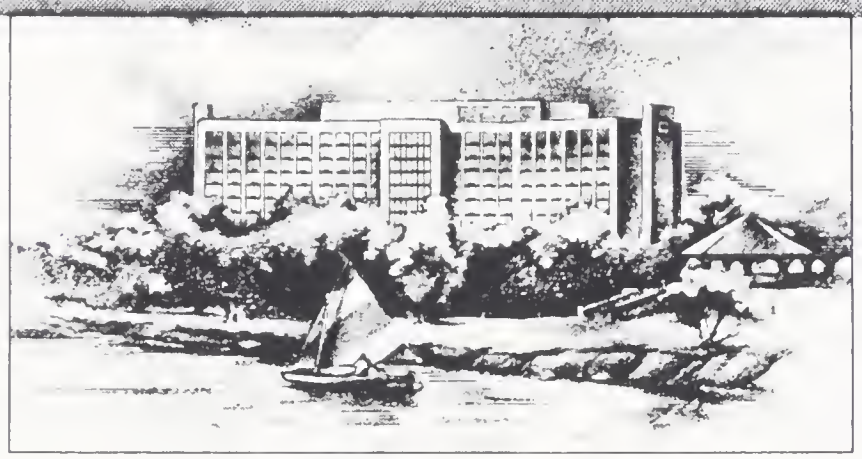

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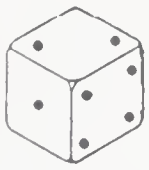

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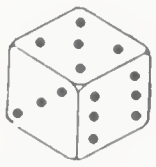

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Charcoal pit burning.

Charcoal is a rare commodity today. Even at summertime barbecues, the convenience of the modern gas grill has made charcoal almost obsolete. But it wasn't always this way in New Jersey. Before coal deposits were discovered in Pennsylvania, charcoal was the main industrial fuel powering this and surrounding states through the Industrial Revolution. South Jersey in particular, with its vast expanses of pine and pine-oak forests, figured prominently in charcoal production of the 1800s. Charcoal burners, or colliers, of the region supplied local shipbuilders, glassworkers, sawyers, and most of all, ironworkers with the fuel they needed to power their businesses.

The earliest method of producing charcoal was to hollow out a tree, line it with clay, then burn wood inside the primitive kiln. Woodsmen soon found a way to char a larger quantity of wood at one time. They stacked cordwood in huge mounds, leaving a hollow core by building a triangular crib of wood in the center of the mound. Then, to make it as airtight as possible, they covered the outside of the mound with a thick layer of sand, sod, clay and/or pine needles.

The object was to burn the wood incompletely, so that chunks of charcoal were left behind. The burning was started near the middle of the mound, through an opening left at the base. Once the burning had started, the opening was covered. Smoke and gases escaped from the top and through small openings left around the base of the mound for draft.

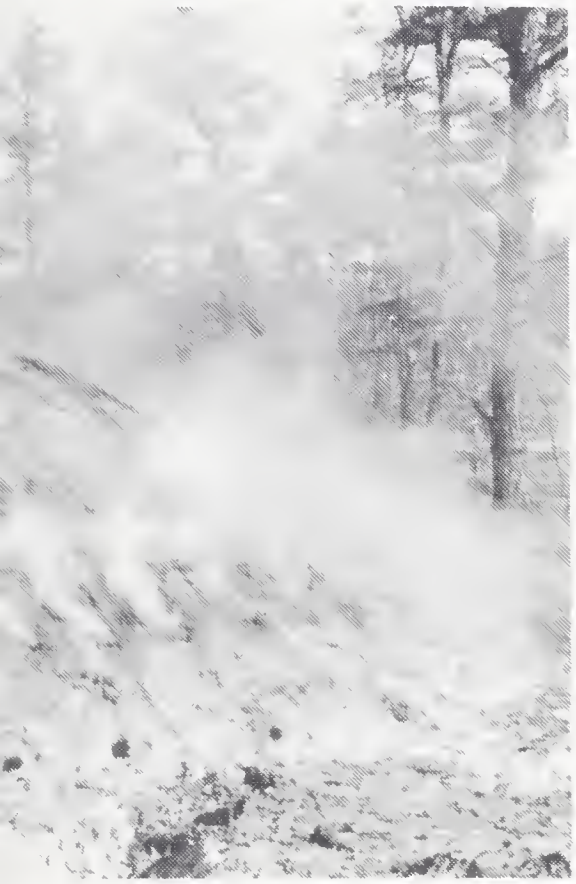
A veteran collier could tell how the charcoal was progressing by the color of the smoke emitted. Typically, the smoke started out a dirty white, changed to a pale and then a heavy yellow, and finally turned a thin bluish gray. If the collier allowed to much air to enter the kiln, the smoke would thin out, turn grayish white, and become acrid-smelling. This meant that the burning was advancing too rapidly and would result in charcoal that was over-burned and powdery. Too little air, on the other hand, would not allow for uniform burning.

Because the coaling process was so variable, the mounds had to be watched night and day. About eight days were needed to char an 8-cord mound (or pit-kiln, as they are misleadingly called), and up to 20 days for a 50-cord pit. The collier often lived in a cabin nearby or in a tarpaper shanty on wheels that he moved with him from job to job. While the mounds were burning, it was important that the collier be on hand to spot any cracks that developed and to cover them over with clay or loose turf.

When the charcoal burner decided that the process was complete, all the openings were covered and the mount was left to cool for one to five days. He learned not to be too anxious to collect the rewards of his efforts, for if any of the charcoal was still hot when brought into the open air, it would surely ignite

George C. Rowand, MacDonald's Branch, Lebanon State Forest 1927.
Charcoal-cutter's cabin. Note the absence of oak trees in surrounding woods.

New Jersey-The Early Years



Covering pit with floats.

Bagging charcoal.

and burn the whole pile. Only when the collier was absolutely certain that the charcoal had cooled was the kiln opened and the charcoal collected, broken up, bagged, and sold.

The charcoal business was handled in numerous ways. Some colliers owned enought woodland to support their demands for charcoal. Others bought some or all of their cordwood from someone else. At times, a landonwer would even donate standing timber if the collier agreed to cut it himself; in this way, the landowner had his land cleared without having to do it himself or pay for the job. The larger charcoal producers, including those associated with furnace and iron forges, bought timber and hired professional colliers to char it. And naturally, in the desolate expanses of the Pine Belt of more than a century ago, there were sure to be cases of timber trespass.

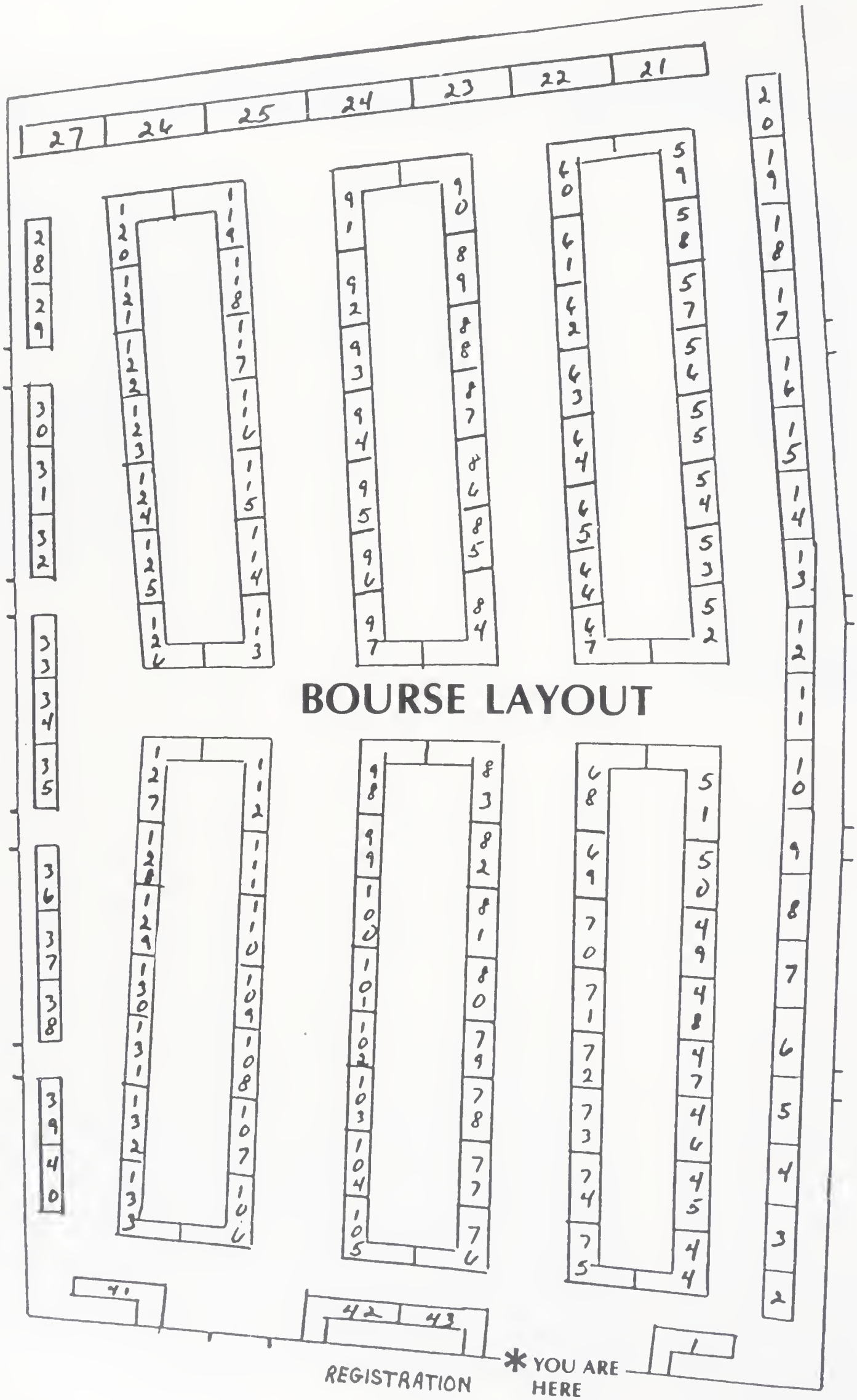
Some of the charcoal was shipped to Philadelphia, north Jersey (though it had local supplies), and New York. More often, though, charcoal was in such high demand in south Jersey that it was marketed locally. The iron industry was its chief consumer. Tremendous amounts of charcoal were needed to fire the forges and furnaces which converted the famed "Jersey bog ore" into "pig iron" and bar iron. The charcoal and iron industries were so interdependent that when the forges closed down for cold weather or some other reason, the colliers felt the drop in demand and also took a vacation.

So when coal deposits were found in Pennyslvania and the iron industry moved west, the demand for charcoal in south Jersey plummeted. This marked the end of south Jersey's era of prosperity. Many towns were bustling centers of activity one day and ghost towns the next. Today, the foundations of their fallen buildings are hardly discernible within the pine forests that have since swallowed them.

However, the Pennsylvania coal deposits were found just in time. If it had not been for this discovery, the industries of the Pine Barrens would have collapsed for another reason. The colliers who supplied the charcoal that kept south Jersey going for so long had been ignorant of some very basic forestry principles. In most areas, they cut each year more than the annual forest growth. Over the years, this could not help but result in exhaustion of the timber supply.

Even furnace operators, who would have been wise to plan ahead for future charcoal needs, did not. It's been estimated that for each furnace, at least four square miles of surrounding woodland were needed. It's also been said that nearly eight times that amount, or 20,000 acres of forested land, was required to adequately supply a successful bog-ore furnace. The latter is a better estimate, because it allows proper management of the forest as well as a perpetual charcoal supply. For if 1000 acres were cut each year, it would be 20 years before the first 1000 acres would have to be cut again. Though the trees in the Pine Belt do not attain great girth in 20 years, they will reach diameters of 7 to 12 inches in that time—certainly large enough for cordwood that's to be stacked and burned for charcoal.

Unfortunately, the colliers and ironworkers, though they were hardy woodsmen, were not foresters. They saw miles of unbroken forest and thought it would last forever. Indeed, it could have if they had known what to do. Perhaps the whole course of South Jersey history would have been changed if they had known how to make this renewable resource last forever. As it was, many charcoal burners turned to other trades when it got tougher for them to produce charcoal close enough to the buyers to make a profit. So when the iron industry moved west, some went with it.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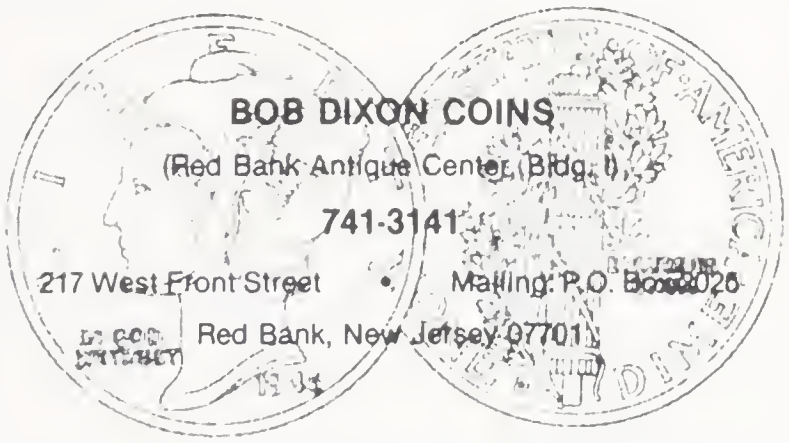

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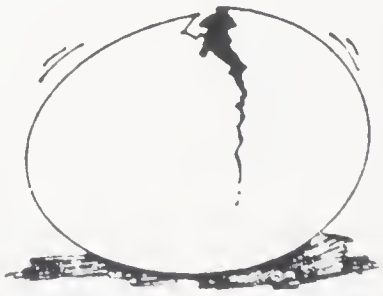

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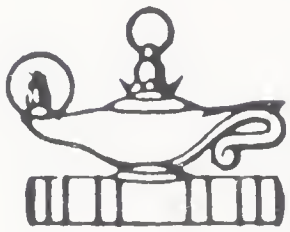

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